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SUBJECT: APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

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1. ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RELEASE OF JUNE 7, UNEMPLOYMENT IN APRIL WAS 1,060,000 OR 1.9 PERCENT UNADJUSTED, 1.89 PERCENT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. IN PROMINENTLY FEATURING THESE FIGURES, MEDIA EMPHASIZED THEIR IMPROVEMENT OVER UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE FOR MARCH (SEE REFTEL) OF 2.4 PERCENT, HIGHEST PERCENTAGE SINCE 1959. MEDIA DID NOT NOTE THAT APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT AND MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT, WHEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WERE SAME AT 1.89 PERCENT. THEY DID, HOWEVER, REPORT THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYED IN APRIL, MONTH WHEN NEW GRADUATES FIND JOBS, HAD INCREASED BY 1.7 PERCENT OVER APRIL OF LAST YEAR. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: DEPENDING ON EFFECT GOJ AND/
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OR MEDIA WISH TO CREATE, UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES CAN BE PUBLISHED IN UNADJUSTED OR ADJUSTED FORM. MARCH FIGURES IN REFTEL WERE GIVEN TO MEDIA ONLY IN UNADJUSTED FORM AND WERE PLAYED AS HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT FOR JAPAN. THEIR RELEASE ON MAY 10
TOOK PLACE IN MIDST OF FINAL STAGE OF SPRING WAGE SETTLEMENTS AND JUST BEFORE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT. GOJ

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THEN HAD INTEREST IN DEMONSTRATING THAT, SINCE ECONOMY
STILL IN BAD SHAPE, WAGE SETTLEMENTS SHOULD BE MODEST.

GOJ'S RETURN TO MORE NORMAL PRACTICE OF RELEASING
BOTH ADJUSTED AND UNADJUSTED FIGURES FOR APRIL, AND
ITS EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENT OVER MARCH FIGURE, SEEM TO
BE ATTEMPT TO BRIGHTEN EMPLOYMENT PICTURE.
MOTIVE FOR THIS EFFORT APPARENTLY IS TO FOSTER CONFIDENCE IN
BUSINESS CIRCLES THAT ECONOMY IS ON UPTURN.
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